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Vrtiska, I supported a bill of yours the other day. I think it may have been LB 353, where we were talking about the way they handled the licenses of these young people. And we all agreed that the current system was too harsh in the way it treated all of them. Do you remember that bill?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes, I do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And we changed the law so that there could be some discretion used, and the punishment meted out would be based on the severity of the violation by the young person. Do you recall those arguments?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, yeah,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And we accepted them, and we advanced your bill, didn't we?

SENATOR VRTISKA: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Members of the Legislature, that is "Doctor" Vrtiska. I say what Jesus said: Physician, heal thyself. I say to the Legislature: Legislature, as a collective doctor, let us heal ourselves. When we bring bills to get special consideration for those that mean something to us, and we prevail on our colleagues to show that bit of consideration and leniency, why don't we then draw up a principle for ourselves that when somebody else comes and presents those who need some leniency, I will give what I've already received. The golden rule is not, do unto others as they've done unto you, because many times people don't do good things to you. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. That places the responsibility squarely on the actor, regardless of what others have done, regardless of what others may do. If you are going to be a moral person according to this particular religious persuasion, you treat others...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.